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'The Marine Corps' Message'

An excerpt from the Executive Offsite Summary Report

Our Corps centers on the understanding that we are a band of professionals that live in an expeditionary culture with a focus on our warrior ethos and the operating forces.

Our culture is sound and the strength of our culture is reflected in our ability to effectively recruit and retain Marines and their families over the past five and a half years.

While referred to as an "All-volun-

teer" force, today's military is actually an "All-recruited" force.

In today's environment, we recruit Marines, but we retain families. In the current fiscal year alone we have reenlisted over 4,000 Marines and over half of these reenlistments have been without any bonus beyond continued service as a United States Marine.

Ours is a young force. With 68 percent of our Marines on their first enlistment it means we have 68 percent of our Corps under 23 years old.

For six percent of the DoD budget the Marine Corps provides:

20 percent of the ground maneuver battalions, 20 percent of the fixed wing fighters, 17 percent of the attack helicopters and 33 percent of the active duty combat service support available in all of DoD.

As a result, our recruiting appetite is significant, requiring us to recruit over 30,000 Marines annually.

This young force thrives on the challenges we offer with our expeditionary culture and our rotationally-deployed lifestyle.

The 32 percent of our force that makes up the professional base of our Corps relies heavily on the fifth element of our MAGTF, our bases and stations, to properly care for our Marines and their families. Our bases and stations represent the launching pad from which we execute our expeditionary culture.

The United States Marine Corps is not only expeditionary by culture and focused on our contribution to national security, but as well is a bargain for America. For 6 percent of the DoD budget the Marine Corps provides 20 percent of the ground maneuver battalions, 20 percent of the fixed wing fighters, 17 percent of the attack helicopters, and 33 percent of the active

duty CSS available in all of DoD.

These efficient contributions to national security are made possible because of our proven economy and the unique nature of our integrated, combined arms team that we call a MAGTF.

We will remain America's premier expeditionary force in readiness and, as we have for over 225 years, will remain committed to innovation and experimentation and the evolutionary transformation of our capabilities.

Our evolutionary transformation is codified in a modernization plan that is already programmed.

Although the pace of modernization is not what we would like, we will achieve a convergence of drastically improved capability by 2008.

This "transformation" is not a pie in the sky dream of the future, but rather the result of our current program coming to maturity.

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JSOQ is 'different'

By Cpl. Cory Kelly

Editor

The most recent Sailor to bring in the title of Junior Sailor of the Quarter seems like the kind of guy not to be on the wrong side of during a bar room brawl.

Co-workers of the 23-year-old Hospitalman 3rd Class Charles P. Borrego agree that, given any circumstances, it probably wouldn't be a good idea.

It's not that Borrego is of an extremely intimidating height and build (because he's not). And it's not because he looks scary (because he doesn't).

It's because, "he'll do or say anything," Hospitalman 2nd Class Greg Hulbert, Leading Petty Officer of Supply, said.

Being a man that will do or say anything is a stigma that holds true in the eyes of all of his peers. It's unrefuted. The LPO of the Treatment Room at the Branch Medical Clinic, HM3 Borrego, is a man of his word and one never knows what that word is going to be.

Borrego didn't confirm whether or not that was true.

It is also reported the Apple Valley native is a self-starter, especially when it comes to things on the radio. "He's a jukebox," Hospitalman JuanCarlo Samaniego said.

"I t d o e s n ' t m a t t e r what song comes on ... he's singing it. And one by one he'll get us all to start singing with him until everyone in the shop is murdering Shania Twain," he said. "I remember a few times he's done that, and that's just like him; little things like that."

But being a man of sometimes too many words and a lover of music is not even the beginning of what Borrego is all about.

He is currently attending Victor Valley Community College. With a



HM3 Charles P. Borrego

Clinics moving back



Photo by Cpl. Cory Kelly

A view of the reception desk at the main building of the recently renovated clinic at Nebo. The clinics are scheduled to move back to their original buildings May 1-14.

May 1 at 7:30 a.m. to May 14 at 7:30 a.m. the Branch Medical/Dental clinics will be closed for all health care services while they move back to their original buildings at Nebo. A temporary facility for military

A temporary facility for military sick call and civil service employee on-the-job injuries only will be provided for the duration of the BMC/BDC closure at Building 186, rooms 19 and 20.

In preparation for the move, the BMC hours of operation have changed.

The new hours which began April 2, and will continue until the move, are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

The BMC will also be closed Tuesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. Military sick call hours will be from 8 to 9 a.m. and from 1 to 2 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

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THE COMMANDER'S FORUM

Why a Commander's Forum?

I recently received a Commander's Forum with questions that I am unable to answer in the BARSTOW LOG for several reasons, which I will expand on in this column. I'm taking this opportunity to deviate from the normal question and answer format to explain why there is a Commander's Forum and how it works.

So, why a Commander's Forum?

Because I am serious about soliciting your input regarding what's happening around the base. One of my wise predecessors established this means many years ago, and I continue to have the Commander's Forum as a means of bringing to my attention concerns you may not be able to resolve through other means.

The purpose of the Commander's Forum is to keep people informed, look at internal operations, explain why things are the way they are, or appear that way and, when possible, make improvements. It is designed to keep open the lines of communication between base employees and the command deck, to address issues and concerns which may have an impact on many members of the command, or to alert base leadership to inappropriate actions taking place in the work place. Not all issues brought to the forum are published, but they are addressed.

Key Requirement

The key requirement for an issue to be published is: the concerns must address things that may impact the majority, or a significant number, of the work force and not specific work areas, groups or individuals that can be identified by association. This is done to protect the identity of those who may be the subject of a call or letter. But let me assure you, even if the forum call does not meet these criteria for publishing, the issue is researched and if the "callers" identify

themselves, they receive a response. Unfortunately, when "callers" are anonymous, we can't get back to them individually.

I continually encourage readers to ask questions and get involved because decisions are currently being made that affect the future of the base, and only by knowing the reasons behind the decisions can personnel understand how it may affect them in the future.

Why wasn't my question published?

There are some reasons why calls/inquiries to the Forum are also not fit for publication. Some are too vague to investigate. Still others are not of general interest and should be addressed to an immediate supervisor because they are the only ones who can answer that particular query. Others may not be published because of the sensitivity of the issue, or to protect the identity of the subject of the call. In these cases, I will ensure a personal response if callers will leave their name and telephone number. Be assured that caller's names are not released outside my office so no one, besides my office staff, will know their identities. And, there are no reprisals for calling a concern or question into the Commander's Forum.

I personally require that all Forum inquiries be researched and actions taken regarding the issues addressed and when appropriate, published when the criteria are met. I personally review every reply to an issue and sign the response.

Stay Involved

Again, let me emphasize all Forum calls are confidential and the caller's identity is strictly guarded. When I cannot publicly reply to an inquiry, I encourage callers to

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God's grace takes many forms

By Lt. Cmdr. Elmon R. Krupnik

Base Chaplain



I was coming back to the base from Ft. Irwin one evening last week. It had been a long day and I was tired, listening to the radio and not paying attention to my speed (it was not excessive but it was over the limit), when all of a sudden, a red spotlight from out of the darkness caught my sight.

It was a peace officer giving me a warning to

slow down. The officer used discretion in the situation to alert me to my speeding. I am thankful that the officer exercised discretion.

That discretion can also be called grace.

The Bible talks about grace as an undeserved favor or gift from God. Romans 3:23-24 states, *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of GOD, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."* As God applied His grace to us, we can apply that grace to others. Practice a little grace with one another this week.

Blessings to all,
Chaplain Krupnik

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Just doing my job ...



Photo by Cpl. Cory Kelly

Mary Mitchell, Family Restaurant employee, pieces together a turkey sub with the same nothing-in-the-world-is-worth-frowning-over smile on her face as she did when she first began serving chow at the Family Restaurant. "Miss Mary" is a Titusville, Fla., native and an avid supporter of the armed services. "It doesn't matter who it is, if a [service member] gets hurt, and I hear about it, I'm crying," Mitchell said, who's husband is a soldier at Ft. Irwin, and has two sons serving in the Army as well.

Chapel Services

Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.
Mass Sun. 10:30 a.m.

Confession services before Mass

Nebo Bible Study

Wednesday Noon-1:30 p.m.
At the Chapel Office

For more info call
577-6849.

Yermo Bible Study

Wednesday 11-11:30 a.m.
At the Colonel's Workshop

For more info call
Don Brooks, 577-7165.



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NEWS BRIEFS

TMD Dispatch Move

The Transportation Motor Division Dispatch Office will relocate to Building 198 Monday. Transportation Maintenance will remain in the same location.

Anyone requesting Transportation/Engineering Equipment Unit support can send an e-mail via LAN to SMB BARSTOW GME DISPATCH or call 577-6411/6019.

Kindergarten Roundup Schedule

Barstow area schools are taking kindergarten registration on the following dates. Immunizations are available at each school site.

- Cameron: from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m., Tuesday. Fingerprinting available. For more information, call Cindy Grow or Elizabeth Duran, 255-6260.

- Crestline: from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., May 2. Fingerprinting available from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, call Kathy Alcantara or Rhonda Hanson, 252-5121.

- Henderson: from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 23. No fingerprinting available. For more information, call Linda Lytle or Mabel Rodriguez, 255-6250.

- Hinkley: from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m., April 26. No fingerprinting available. For more information, call Marie Bruhn, 253-5512.

- Lenwood: from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m., May 25. Fingerprinting available from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call Espy Gutierrez or Venetia Wynnna, 253-7713.

- Montara: from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., May 15. Fingerprinting available from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call Lola Shipley or Dawn Cline, 252-5150.

- Skyline: from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., May 4. Fingerprinting available from 8:30 to noon. For more information, call Suzi West, 255-6090.

- Thomson: from 1:30 to 4 p.m.,

"News Briefs" is designed to disseminate information to the MCLB Barstow community. Submissions should include a point of contact and phone number, and be received by noon, Friday for the next issue. Submit news briefs via e-mail to editor@barstow.usmc.mil.

Wednesday. Fingerprinting available from 1:30 to 4 p.m. For more information, call Henri Miranda, 255-6150.

For the registration process, parents need to bring their child's birth certificate, proof of residency, immunization records, social security card, and a record of a physical.

Family Fun Day

Children and Youth Programs will be hosting a Family Fun Day April 28, from noon to 5 p.m.

There will be games for the whole family. There will be a static display including the MCLB Fire Department Safety House. There will be free hot dogs and sodas at the event. For more information, call the Children and Youth Program, 577-6287.

BOOST Program

The Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training program provides an educational enhancement opportunity for those eligible enlisted Marines desiring to seek a college education and enter a commissioning program.

It is a demanding 10-month academic improvement course providing remedial high school and college preparatory level instruction and is located at the Naval Education and Training Center in Newport, R.I.

For more information, contact the career planner, Staff Sgt. Christian Galbraith, 577-6684.

MECEP has Open Slots

Marine Corps Enlisted Commissioning Education Program is designed to provide outstanding enlisted Marines the opportunity to serve as Marine Corps officers.

Marines successfully completing the program receive a baccalaureate degree and a commission as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve. MECEP is open to all active duty Marines and Marines in the active reserve program who meet the eligibility requirements. For more information,

formation, contact the career planner, Staff Sgt. Christian Galbraith, 577-6684.

Military Record Requests

You can get a copy of your Military Records online at <http://www.nara.gov>.

With access to a printer and Adobe Acrobat Reader, you may download and print a copy of the Standard Form 180 - Request Pertaining to Military Records.

The front and back of the form are separate files which must be downloaded separately. Both sides must be downloaded and filled out, because the back side of the form contains important mailing addresses and instructions.

Clinic Screening Youth for Care

A free clinic screening youth for possible care at Shriner's Hospital for Children has been scheduled for May 12 at the Barstow Masonic Temple.

The clinic is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children under 18 will be screened by local doctors for potential health problems.

101 things you should never ask a Marine to do

By E. Temple



Where is this week's 101 Things You Should Never Ask a Marine to Do?

The BARSTOW LOG is sad to announce that the 101 Things cartoon series by E. Temple has come to an end. Only one remains. To see the final cartoon and learn how it all began turn to Page 6.

UPCOMING CWRA FUNCTIONS

Professional's Day Luncheon

The Civilian Welfare and Recreation Association is holding a National Professional's Day luncheon today, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Oasis Club.

The guest speaker will be the base energy manager, Larry Emmons.

The menu for the luncheon will be chicken cordon bleu, California

blend vegetables, au gratin potatoes, roll and butter, and iced tea.

The cost for the luncheon is \$6.25.

Old Town trip

The Civilian Welfare and Recreation Association is sponsoring a trip to Old Town, San Diego May 5.

The trip costs \$10 and includes the bus ride there and back.

For tickets or information for either of these events contact one of the following CWRA representatives:

Dan Kiern	577-6614	Ed Guz	577-6183
Barbara Kulseth	577-6771	Richard Tusing	577-6492
Fred Molino	577-7210	Cliff Acles	577-6431
Vince Chavez	577-7075	Barbara Kent	577-7382
Bruce Rowe	577-7207	Ed Frey	577-6940
Ernie Hawkins	577-7046	Tangia Joseph	577-7223
Wrayanne Huddleston 577-6714			

To participate in the free screening, patrons need to bring the child's shot card, birth certificate, social security card, and guardianship papers.

Cinco De Mayo

The Hispanic Employment Program is hosting a Cinco De Mayo dinner May 5 at the Oasis Club at 5 p.m.

Tickets must be purchased by April 27.

There will be food, dancing, entertainment, and a no-host bar. The buffet includes beans, rice, chips and salsa, and dessert.

Adults are served green chili with pork and the children have a choice of beef taquito, or chicken chimichanga. For reservations or information call one of the following representatives:

Name	Phone
Delane Gutierrez	577-7580
Sophia Ontiveros	577-6140

Ed Tintos 577-7127
Anita Lewis 577-6788
David Mendez 577-7328
GySgt. Michael Claudio 577-6533
Jose Riveras 577-7315
Marva Johnson 577-6965

MCMA Muster

The Marine Corps Mustang Association is holding a Mustang Muster in New Orleans, August 22-26. To qualify for Mustang designation, you must be a warrant or commissioned officer that was once an enlisted Marine.

Membership is open to all Marine Mustangs including those on active duty, reserve, and veterans.

For Mustang membership or for more information, call Maj. Bill Max, USMC (Ret) toll free (800) 321-USMC or e-mail him at topmustang@aol.com.

Job Watch

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Location

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Budget Assistant
GS-0561-05 (Term NTE 366 Days)

03-28-01

04-27-01

04-11-01

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DEU-647-00

Electronics Worker
WG-2604-08 (Part-time Temp NTE one year) (Amended)

02-08-00

04-27-01

04-13-01

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Applicants interested in announcements beginning with DEA or OTR should submit their resume to:
Human Resources Service Center, Southwest

**ATTN: Code 522 (announcement number)
525 B Street, Suite 600
San Diego, CA 92101-4418**

For more information concerning public job announcements visit the Self-Service, Bldg. 37, Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office, 577-6357.
If you have Internet access, browse to <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

For information regarding Open Continuous Merit Promotion announcements point your browser to <http://www.donhr.navy.mil>.

MCA earns ISO 9002 Qualification certificate

By Colie Young

Marine Corps Logistics Bases PAO

MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE ALBANY, Ga. — The Defense Contract Management Agency awarded the maintenance center here the International Organization for Standardization ISO 9002 Qualification certificate April 5 during a special ceremony at Bldg. 2200.

More than 800 spectators, including Lt. Gen. Gary S.

McKissock, deputy chief of staff for Installations and Logistics, Headquarters Marine Corps; Maj. Gen. Paul M. Lee Jr., c o m -

mander, Materiel Command; Brig. Gen. Richard S. Kramlich, commander, Marine Corps Logistics Bases and 70-plus VIP guests, employees and visitors witnessed the milestone event.

Marine Corps Logistics Bases Albany and Barstow [Calif.] are the first and only ground equipment depots in the Department of Defense to achieve International Organization for Standardization ISO 9002 compliance, according to Col. Robert Cerney, commander at Maintenance Center Albany.

"It is, in fact, a journey that has no end. For it merely represents a milestone that once reached, affords no opportunity to rest. Once the certificate is hung on the wall and the celebrating is over, the real work begins."

— Jackie Inclan

ization for Standardization criteria and achieve ISO 9002 qualification. These international standards have been adopted in more than 90 countries and implemented by thousands of manufacturing or service organizations in both public and private sectors.

The certification means LogBases' equipment leaves its depots meeting the highest industry standards. In essence, it is another feather in the bases' cap and shows DoD the value of Marine Corps Logistics Bases.

The Blount Island Command, [a smaller entity of MarCorLogBases] based in Jacksonville, Fla., was awarded an ISO 9002 Qualification certificate July 7, 1999, but it is not a ground equipment depot.

Three years ago, McKissock, who commanded LogBases from April 1997 – August 1999, formed an Executive Steering Committee for the purpose of establishing a new administration for quality systems to be established, implemented and maintained by all entities of Marine corps Logistics Bases.

After extensive research, the ESC decided to comply with the International Orga-

"Quality is one of our competitive priorities," said Col. Ervin Rivers, commander at Maintenance Center Barstow. "Achieving this qualification means our customers can continue to rely on us for high quality products and services. The qualification makes us just that much more competitive."

The ISO 9000:1994 series is actually a set of several international standards that define a quality assurance program. The ISO 9000-1 and ISO 9000-4 series are informational documents, while ISO 9001, 9002 and 9003 are detailed conformance guidelines.

ISO 9002 – Quality Systems – is a model for quality assurance in production and installation; and addresses the detection, prevention and correction of problems associated with production. This standard should be used where work is based on stable designs and specifications supplied by the customer and when there is a need to demonstrate the capability to control the processes for production of a quality conforming product. It includes 19 of the 20 elements from the ISO 9001 standard, everything except design control. ISO 9001 and 9002 replace MIL-Q-9858A, a previously used military specification. LogBases' Maintenance Centers have met the qualification requirements under this standard.

"The Multi-Commodity Maintenance Center at Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany has taken a significant step forward in the Marine Corps' endeavor to adopt and institute better business practices," said Gen. James L. Jones, Commandant of the Marine Corps, in a mes-

sage dated March 21.

"By embracing and upholding the eight principles for performance improvement, the Marines and civilian-Marines of the center are making an immeasurable contribution to the Corps' readiness," the Commandant wrote.

"The activities that are the most competitive are the ones that will survive," said Lee. "Receiving ISO 9002 Qualification counts a great deal."

"An overriding principle that guides the Theory of Constraints is that improvement means growth," Lee added. "The belief is that growth doesn't happen by concentrating on what to shrink, but rather on what needs to grow. For our depots, that means concentrating on the ways to increase throughput."

"This emphasis on throughput first, followed by inventory reduction second, and decreased operating expenses affects productivity and return on investment. The bottom line is our costs per unit go down. We become the most competitive," Lee said.

The foundation for the ISO 9000 Quality System is documentation, according to Lee Penrose, command quality officer for LogBases.

"It [ISO 9002] is describing and documenting what you do, and then doing what you say," Penrose said.

ISO 9000 documentation consists of four levels: the quality manual, procedures, work instructions and other documentation such as forms, records, process sheets, visual aids, posted instruc-

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First lady wants troops to become teachers

By Petty Officer 1st Class Scott Sutherland

American Forces Press Service

NAVAL STATION SAN DIEGO — With the USS Shiloh and USS Decatur as a backdrop, first lady Laura Bush asked retiring service members to start a second career in teaching.

"You answered the call to serve your country in the finest armed forces in the world," she said to more than 1,000 sailors and Marines here March 23. "As you prepare to leave the military, we ask you to turn your attention to the home front, to Uncle Sam's classrooms, where we need your service as teachers."

"America's schoolchildren need you," the first lady told the military audience. "I'm here to enlist or, rather, reenlist your help through the Troops to Teachers Program."

Established in 1994, the program was designed to give service members and civilian employees of the Department of Defense and Department of Energy affected by military downsizing new opportunities to pursue new careers in public education. Program funding for fiscal year 2001 is \$3 million.

The first lady said her husband "intends to boost funding for Troops to Teachers from \$3 million to \$30 million to help skilled professionals continue to serve our country, this time in our classrooms."

Bush, a former teacher and librarian with a lifelong passion for reading, has long been an advocate of education. White House officials say she intends to continue to focus on this area that

plays such an important role in our nation's future.

"Over the next 10 years, schools in our country will have to hire thousands of teachers to keep up with our growing student population," she said. "As many of you know already, there's a teacher shortage, particularly in underserved, inner city and rural areas. As we confront this need, we turn to former military personnel for their help."

"My husband thought I was kidding when I told him I was going to call in the military," she noted. "But he supports me 100 percent, and he supports you 100 percent. Troops to Teachers is designed especially for you, as you move from the battleships to the blackboards as America's newest teachers."

The program helps former service members earn their teaching credentials. Once certified, the program helps them find teaching positions in their home states, or wherever they decide to live after retirement.

"We're looking for the best and brightest minds to serve in our classrooms," the first lady continued. "We want people like you, who have qualities that make excellent teachers – an ability to thrive on overcoming challenges, a drive to achieve results, and a commitment to reaching every goal you set."

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packed schedule of Biology, History, English and Math this semester, he is pounding away at a Bachelor's in Chemistry.

Why chemistry we asked him?

Because, "I want to have a college degree in something real rather than a joke degree in liberal arts or something," he said. Borrego also has aspirations in explosive ordnance, and a degree in chemistry fits very nicely in that field.

The former cross country runner and Track and Field guru said going to school takes up a majority of his time, at home and at work. "When I'm not with a patient, I'm doing homework. I used to run a lot. I ran the 800- and 1600-meter in high school, but now I'm a bit bigger and a bit slower. At lunch I can either go for a run, or do some homework. I always do homework."

But the outdoorsman inside him doesn't let books keep him inside all the time. Last weekend he took his sand rail (dune buggy with a rail cage) down to Glamis, Calif., "the sand toy capitol of the world," to let off a little bit of steam.

"I grew up off-roading and doing motor cross," he said. "But [sand railing] is the most



Photo by Cpl. Cory Kelly

Hospitalman 3rd Class. Charles P. Borrego, Leading Petty Officer of the Treatment Room and the new Junior Sailor of the Quarter, makes sure everything on the shelves in the treatment room is in order.

fun you can have ...

"There are two types of people that go sand railing. There are the older people, who spend thousands of dollars on a sand rail to cruise around on the sand dunes every so often. And then there are the young, crazy guys who get what they can afford so they can fly at 70 miles per hour up and off the tail of a razor-back (formation in the sand that looks just like it sounds) to see how much air they can catch. I'm one of the crazier guys," he said.

Crazy as he may be, Borrego said he doesn't quite like the pace here at Barstow – a little too slow for him. He said he is happy that he now has the time to work on a degree, but he reminisces of times with the 4th Marines when life was a little more hectic.

"It was cold and wet ... I miss it," he said.

11th MEU Marines lend assistance in East Timor

By SSgt. Donald E. Preston

11th MEU (SOC)

DILI, EAST TIMOR – The 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) and Boxer Amphibious Ready Group arrived here 9 April to begin three days of humanitarian and civic assistance in support of East Timor's transition to independence.

In concert with the U.S. government's ongoing commitment to East Timor, 11th MEU (SOC) /Boxer ARG deployed more than 350 Marines and Sailors daily, from the USS Boxer (LHD-4), USS Harper's Ferry (LSD-49) and USS Cleveland (LPD-7) to several locations in East Timor to conduct medical and dental assistance, air and sealift of humanitarian supplies and assist in community relations projects around the island.

Nearly two years prior to the ARG's visit, East Timor was beset by civil strife after a vote for independence from Indonesia spurred members of various militia groups to incite violence throughout East Timor. As forces looted and torched homes and businesses and killed innocent civilians, thousands of East Timorese fled from their homes into the mountains and across the border into neighboring West Timor.

To restore order and facilitate humanitarian assistance, the United Nations established International Forces, East Timor (INTERFET) to halt the violence in East Timor.

Once order was restored, INTERFET was replaced by the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor, created to assist East Timor in its transition to self-government. Additionally, United States Support Group East Timor (USGET) was created to coordinate activi-

ties of U.S. Forces rotating through the area with UNTAET and its military Peace Keeping Forces.

Currently commanded by Air Force Col Steven E. Hoarn, the USGET staff of 12 personnel drawn from the Marines, Navy, Air Force and Army, provides the vital framework for units such as 11th MEU (SOC) and the Boxer ARG. "With the arrival of the 11th MEU and Boxer ARG we will engage in the largest most aggressive three-day program my staff has ever encountered," Hoarn said. "It proves that the vision for USGET to leave a big and positive footprint despite not having a large permanent presence is possible."

Before the three ships of the Boxer ARG arrived in East Timor, 11th MEU (SOC)'s medical and dental personnel, assigned to the forward command element arrived in country to provide initial care to East Timorese patients at various sites on the island.

"It's a unique opportunity for us to be here because there is so little medical care available in East Timor," Navy LT Marc H. Seidman, general medical officer, Battalion Landing Team 2/1. "We've shown up in villages without medical care available. We've seen untreated malaria, tuberculosis and even leprosy. Hopefully our visit will make a difference for some of these East Timorese people."

After the arrival of the 11th MEU (SOC) and Boxer ARG, medical and dental care expanded to three clinics in Dili and one on the eastern end of East Timor in the town of Los Palos. During the three-day period more than 900 patients were seen by doctors, 243 patients were seen by dentists, and more than 160 eyeglasses were prescribed and donated.

While the medical and dental personnel were

busy on the ground, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-268 (rein) was busy in the air. Flying more than 165 sorties with a combination of aircraft, 11th MEU (SOC)'s aviation combat element moved personnel and supplies to numerous locations throughout East Timor to include 165 tons of supplies and food.

"This is a significant achievement," said Capt Francis G. Gala, CH-46E pilot HMM-268 (rein). "Significant due to the short period of time in respect to the amount of material, distances involved and challenging landing zones."

Some of the materials flown ashore were used to repair schools and community centers. Dare Elementary School, located on a steep hillside above Dili, was one of the schools and was considered a severe risk to the safety of children.

"I wouldn't have sent my kids there at all," said LCpl Mark Hagan, Battery R, BLT 2/1. "There weren't any rails along the stairway and hazardous debris like glass and metal were all around the front of the school. By the end of the third day there was a significant improvement."

Identifying projects such as Dare Elementary School was coordinated by USGET who worked with Non-Governmental Organizations such as



Photo by SSgt Donald E. Preston

Navy LT Marc H. Siedman, general medical officer, Battalion Landing Team 2/1, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) examines a patient at AMI medical clinic in Dili, East Timor.

Timor Aid, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Food Program (WFP).

The Boxer ARG hovercraft (Landing Craft Air Cushioned) transported more than 80 metric tons of rice, grain and corn sourced from NGO's to several areas of East Timor.

The largest sealift operation included a 200 nautical mile round trip to Oecussi Enclave by three LCACs.

Additionally, Handclasp items, donations from corporations and organizations from the United States, were delivered by Marines and Sailors of the 11th MEU (SOC) and Boxer ARG to the Timor Aid Foundation, for distribution to different organizations and schools.

"We want to try and get it out to the hills where they don't have as much," said Angus Cooper, Timor Aid. "Having the Navy and Marine

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101 Things cartoons about Marines come to end

By Sgt. Brian Davidson

Press Chief

Never ask a Marine recruiter to tell you about boot camp. Never ask a Marine to borrow his comb. Never ask a Marine to tell you about the Old Corps.

There were *101 Things you should never ask a Marine to do*, but the BARSTOW LOG is now down to just one.

All who read the BARSTOW LOG know the 101 things are cartoons and that they are hysterically funny. At least that's how Gunny Temple meant for them to be, funny. But for a lot of people on the other side of the looking glass the humor in it just doesn't translate. Not everyone 'gets it' immediately.

"Once a Marine, your sense of humor will never be the same," said Ed Temple, retired Marine and author of *101 Things you should never ask a Marine to do*. "My book salutes those Marines that can do anything with nothing. They do it faster, harder, meaner, better and with enthusiasm and style that is uniquely the Corps."

Though only 103 pages long, the book was more than 10 years in the making.

"I first started drawing cartoons in high school and later drew them on letters I mailed from Parris Island. Afterwards, I found that everyone loved the humor. I kept drawing during tours at Lejuene, Twenty-nine Palms and at Albany, all the while keeping the originals or at least copies," said Temple, who later returned to Parris Island as a drill instructor.

"As a D-I, I didn't have any time to draw. But when I went back to Twenty-nine Palms for three years, I used my free-time and travel time [with the Drum and Bugle Corps] to make my collection and my new cartoons fit the theme of the title."

After emptying his savings account and taking out a small loan to publish the first 1,000 copies of the book through a local printer in Yucca Valley, Temple received orders to Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., where he had to renew his effort to publish the cartoons.

Eventually, he was successful.

Temple's copyrighted character Harry Who went on to be published in Marines Magazine, Pass-in-Review, numerous Marine Corps Institute courses and other Marine Corps publications. Even earning him a Navy Achievement Medal for nearly a decade's work with "Pass-in-Review" and work with MCI. Unselfishly, Temple donates all of the proceeds from his book to the National Headquarters of the Young Marines.

During a career that transitioned him from the Military Occupational Specialty 5577-baritone bugler to 8511-drill instructor and concluded as 9812-Drum and Bugle Corps musician, Temple came to a clear conclusion.

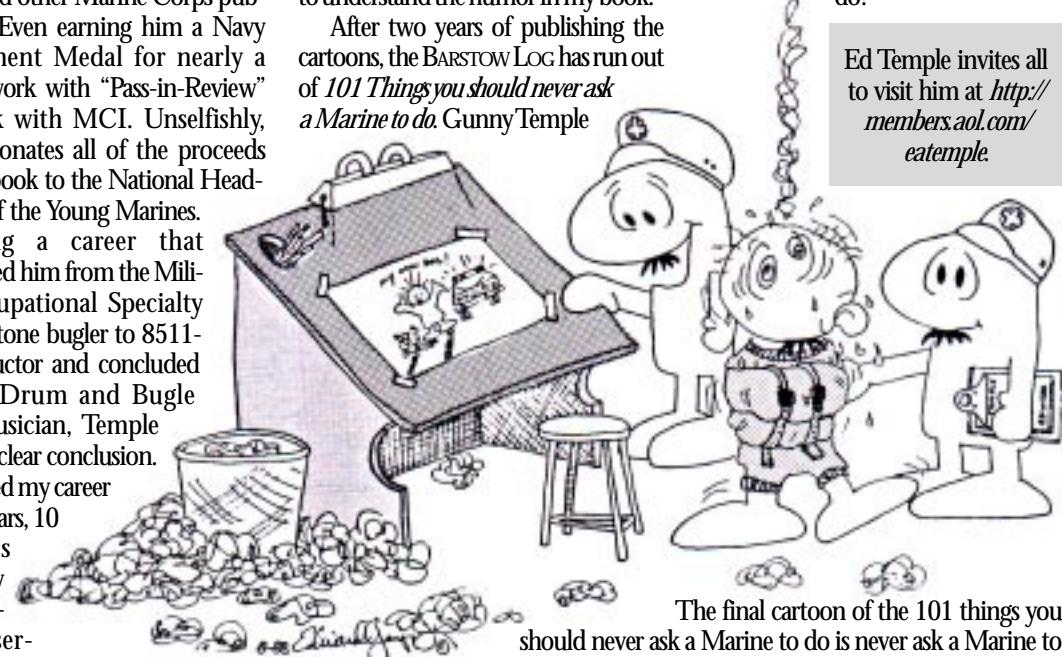
"I ended my career with 21 years, 10 months and a day as a gunnery sergeant," said Temple, who now divides

his time between working as a police dispatcher and attending college. "What I want people to remember most about my work is that you don't need to be a war-hardened, combat vet to understand the humor in my book."

After two years of publishing the cartoons, the BARSTOW LOG has run out of *101 Things you should never ask a Marine to do*. Gunny Temple

has a new book titled *Short-Timers Guidebook* on the shelves now, but one question remains ... "When will he draw another 101 things you should never ask a Marine to do?"

Ed Temple invites all to visit him at <http://members.aol.com/eatempole>



The final cartoon of the 101 things you should never ask a Marine to do is never ask a Marine to draw another *101 things you should never ask a Marine to do*.

AROUND THE CORPS

HERCULES adds strength to Corps

Cooperative effort produces world-class safe recovery vehicle

By 1stLt. Burrell D. Parmer
MARCORSYSCOM PAO

YORK, Pa. — Program Manager, Tank Systems, Marine Corps Systems Command and United Defense Limited Partnership celebrated its presentation of the M88A2 Heavy Equipment Recovery Utility Lift Evacuation System or HERCULES at United

Defense's Ground Systems Division Thursday.

The HERCULES, a full-system upgrade to the current M88A1, will provide the Marine Corps the critical capability to perform safe one-on-one recov-

ery of vehicles weighing up to 70 tons.

"Marines for a long time have been operating with a recovery vehicle that couldn't effectively handle the [M1A1] tank, which it was to recover," said Lt. Col. John J. Bryant, program manager, Tank Systems.

"This vehicle is going to allow them to do their job safely and effectively. Marines are excited about getting this vehicle, and they have good reason to be," he added.

The HERCULES' enhancements include a powerful V12, 1050-horsepower, turbo-charged diesel engine for

greater mobility, a 35-ton boom, a 70-ton constant pull main winch and a three-ton auxiliary winch adding muscle for lifting and winching.

It also has overlay armor and ballistic skirts for new levels of added survivability.

The HERCULES also delivers safer, more responsive braking and steering.

"It gives us a tremendous capability, not just in single recovery of M1A1 tanks but the flexibility of this vehicle can do a lot of things for us in an expeditionary role."

— Lt. Gen. Emil Bedard

"I had a chance to visit the assembly line and see the vehicle from its smallest parts to fully assembled," said Bedard. "It gives us a tremendous capability, not just in single recovery of M1A1 tanks but the flexibility of this vehicle can do a lot of things for us in an expeditionary role."

The HERCULES incorporates several USMC-unique features such as deep-water fording.

It is built by a government-industry team that included Anniston Army Depot, which performs teardown of the current M88A1 vehicles selected

for the upgrade, and United Defense's York facility, which remanufactures, assembles and tests the vehicles.

They are supported by United Defense operations in Aiken, S.C., and Fayette County, Pa.

"The M88A2 HERCULES program exemplifies the way government/industry teaming needs to work," said Elmer Doty, vice president and general manager of United Defense's Ground Systems Division. "The cooperative effort between the Marine Corps, United Defense and the U.S. Army's Tank-automotive and Armaments Command has placed world-class, safe recovery capability in the hands of Marines."

The first HERCULES was presented to II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

GySgt Thesoline D. Hubert, representing II MEF, accepted the vehicle. "This vehicle will enhance our recovery ability, it is a great all-around vehicle compared to our current M88A1 recovery vehicle. "The greatest enhancement is the one-lined 70-ton winch, a new feature that we just did not have with the old M88A1."

A crew of three in a single HERCULES can recover a 70-ton vehicle, a mission that requires two M88A1s and eight crewmembers. The HERCULES can also upright an overturned M1 tank or lift and carry an M1 turret.

The Marine Corps is contracted to receive 61 M88A2 HERCULES over the next three years.



Official USMC photo

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Maintenance Center Barstow

Congressional Sub-committee testimony

By Rick Bremen
Production Management Department

On March 23, Col. Ervin Rivers, commander, Maintenance Center Barstow, testified before the House Military Readiness Subcommittee in Corpus Christi, Texas. Below are his opening remarks to this important Congressional Sub-committee.



Col. Ervin Rivers'
opening statement
to
House Military Readiness Subcommittee
Corpus Christi
Texas

March 23, 2001

Mr. Chairman, and distinguished members of the committee, it is my privilege to provide testimony on the important matter of depot-level maintenance.

As Depot Commanders, you've given us a mission and the mission is to perform depot-level maintenance on military equipment in order to ensure the Armed Forces of the United States are able to meet training, operational, mobilization and emergency requirements without impediment.

We are accomplishing the mission. Today, at Barstow, we have workload sufficient to maintain core capabilities. However, the forecast for future years indicates a declining trend. Our MATCOM Headquarters is aware of this trend and is developing initiatives to maintain our core levels. They understand, as does this Committee, that all good things in depot operations emanate from sufficient workload.

For our part, the challenge is clear, we must remain customer focused and excel in our competitive priorities of throughput, quality, and cost. We are working daily to meet this challenge and today you have a maintenance center that is the only ground combat maintenance depot located in the western region of the country.

- We provide multi-commodity service for wheeled vehicles, tracked vehicles, engineer equipment and communications and electronics.

- The center provides quality support to a variety of customers with both large and small quantity requirements.
- We are strategically located to support National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Marine Corps Air Ground Center at Twentynine Palms and Marine Forces at Camp Pendleton, Okinawa and Hawaii.

Some of our process improvements include:

- Qualification as an ISO 9002 organization;
- Implementation of Better Business Practices such as the Theory of Constraints (TOC) and Manufacturing Resource Planning (MRP) II; and

- Establishment of Materiel Control Centers (MCC) and Earned Value Management (EVM).

Some of our equipment modernization efforts include:

- Advanced Air Pollution Control System and Plastic Media Blast Process;
- Calibration using laser technology and machining using water-jet cutting equipment;
- Barcode identification and tracking;
- Image Intensifier and Night Vision diagnostics and repair; and our
- \$3.4 million test track

Competitiveness, modernization, and safety are important elements to our continued success. With these in mind, one of our planned procurements includes robotic equipment to make our paint processes more efficient while providing additional health protection to our employees. Programs such as Commercial Technologies for Maintenance Activities, MANTEC, and partnerships with universities such as Penn State are helping us to insert technologies to meet 21st Century requirements. Your Maintenance Center at Barstow has 824 innovative, skilled, and patriotic professionals dedicated to improving equipment readiness.

Mr. Chairman, efforts by this Committee have helped to maintain and strengthen this national asset.

I thank you and the Distinguished Members of the Committee for your support and the opportunity to present testimony on this important issue.

The Committee brought forth many matters pertaining to Depot Maintenance and Department of Defense. Of particular interest were the comments of Rep. Weldon (Pa.) the Chairman, concerning the Labor Union role in educating the American public on the importance of our depots to national

defense. He challenged all union personnel to "spread the word" to the public on what national treasures our depots are. Without public support the depots will face many lean years, and he emphasized the need for public support to allow Congress to properly fund the depots.

Thanks to all

By Jan McGuire
Management Information System

I want to take this opportunity to thank the folks in CWC 735 for their help in making the luncheon for Trish Pettit a success. A special thanks to the efforts of Okie Robinson, Ron Kash, Wil Richardson, Joey Duran, Jack Aday, Robert Poole and Sheila Taulbee. Everyone had a great meal and a good time. Trish was very surprised at the number of people who turned out to wish her well in her new life in Texas. The personnel in Management Information Systems really appreciate all the hard work and dedication to make this event a memorable occasion for Trish. Thanks again 735!

Employee recognition

By Col. E. Rivers
Commander

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and recognize members of the Maintenance Center Barstow Team for their hard work and dedication. Let's continue to excel in our competitive priorities of throughput, quality, and cost. Keep up the great work!

December 2000

On the Spot Awards

Ricky Baca	Steve Langevin
(CWC 743)	

For exceptional performance on the contact mission to Okinawa, Japan.

January 2001

Time Off Awards

(9 hours)		
Earl Bevans	Brenda German	Gerri Tedrick
Donna Chisam	Myron Scheer	Janet Towery

On the Spot Awards

Nancy Baca	Dianna McCormick
Rick Bremen	Virgil Moore
Debbie Dominguez	Ellen Nemes
Buddy Houghton	Tulu Niusulu
James Lovette	Jan Vuiller

For taking on the challenge of year end closeout, which was to close FY00 and begin executing against FY01.

February 2001

Time Off Awards

(9 hours)		
Ernestina Aragon	Birdenne Delaney	Phillip Nugent
Earl Bevans	Linda Kelsey	Gerri Tedrick
Charles Blakley	Cindy Malloy	Janet Towery
Larry Chavez	Rey Mariano	Dennis Wheaton
	John Wooten	

(8 hours)

Anthony Jones	Tommy Sanders
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Earthquake

Preparation is the key to survival

What causes earthquakes?

The earth is divided into three main layers: a hard outer crust, a soft middle layer, and a center core. The outer crust is broken into massive, irregular pieces called plates. These plates have been moving slowly for billions of years, driven by energy forces deep within the earth. It is the movement that has shaped the physical features of the earth: mountains, valleys, plains, and plateaus. Earthquakes occur when these moving plates grind and scrape against each other.

In California, two of these plates meet, the Pacific Plate and the North American Plate. The Pacific Plate covers most of the Pacific Ocean floor and the coastline of California. The North American Plate stretches across the North American continent and parts of the Atlantic Ocean.

The Primary boundary between them is the San Andreas Fault. It is more than 650 miles long and extends 10 miles deep. Many smaller faults, such as the Hayward Fault in the north and the San Jacinto Fault in the south, branch from the San Andreas Fault. Experts suspect there are many other faults that haven't been discovered yet.

The Pacific Plate grinds northwestward past the North American Plate

at a rate of about two inches per year. Parts of the San Andreas Fault System adapt to this movement by a constant creep resulting in frequent, but moderate, earth tremors.

In other areas, movement is not constant and strain can build up for hundreds of years resulting in strong earthquakes when it is released.

Unlike other natural disasters, there is no warning for earthquakes. One could hit today, tomorrow or next week. Future earthquakes are a serious threat to Californians who could face loss of life, injury or property damage.

Knowing how they are caused also helps prepare for them. When an earthquake hits, duck, cover and hold. Preferred hiding spots are underneath tables or next to inside walls. Stay away from windows.

Many Californians also know about aftershocks. Be prepared for these by taking inventory of physical and property damage. After checking to see if everybody is alright, search for damaged gas, water and telephone lines. Make sure all debris is taken care of so that it can't harm anyone in the case of an aftershock.

Before an earthquake

How well you, your family and your home survive an earthquake of-

ten depends upon how well you prepare beforehand. Develop a family and neighborhood earthquake plan. The following checklist will help you get started:

- Prepare an emergency kit of food, water, and supplies including a flashlight, portable battery operated radio, batteries, medicines, first aid kit, money and clothing.

- Know the safe spots in each room
- under sturdy tables, desks, or against interior walls.

- Know the danger spots – near windows, mirrors, hanging objects, fireplaces and tall, unsecured furniture.

- Conduct practice drills so you and your family know the safe locations in your house.

- Decide how and where your family will reunite if separated during a quake.

- Choose an out-of-state friend or relative who family members can call after the quake to report their whereabouts and conditions.

- Learn first aid and CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation.)

- Learn how to shut off the gas, water, and electricity in case the lines are damaged. SAFETY NOTE: Do not attempt to re-light the gas pilot light. Call the utility company.

- Check chimneys, roofs, walls and

foundations for stability. Make sure your house is bolted to its foundation.

- Secure water heater and major appliances as well as tall, heavy furniture, hanging plants mirrors and picture frames – especially those over beds.

- Keep breakable, heavy objects, flammable or hazardous liquids such as, paints, pest sprays and cleaning products, in secured cabinets or on lower shelves.

- Organize your neighborhood to be self-sufficient after a quake.

Significant California Earthquakes in the last decade

Northridge, M6.7 – January 17, 1994 – 57 deaths – more than 11,000 injuries, \$40 billion in damage.

Landers, M7.3/Big Bear, M6.7 – June 28, 1992 – one death – 93 million in damage.

Cape Mendocino, M6.9 – April 25, 1992 – \$48.3 million in damage.

Submitted by the Base Safety Office



San Francisco Earthquake of 1906

Photo courtesy of United States Geological Survey.



By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

April Super Sale at MCX

Check out the April super sale in progress at the Exchange: 20 percent off all outdoor barbecue grills, 20 percent off houseware items, 10 percent off all DVD players. These items are available right now. A new sale starts May 1, so take advantage of these April sale bargains.

The Exchange/Super Seven Store is open Mondays-Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., and Sundays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Call 256-8974 for details.

The Railhead Exchange (Yermo) is open Mondays-Fridays, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. During troop rotation the Railhead Exchange is open Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Lunch menu

Today - Prime rib.
Friday - Hoki fish.
Monday - Veal Parmesan.
Tuesday - Pork chops.
Wednesday - Barbecue ribs.
Thursday - Stuffed cabbage.

Family Night Dinner menu

Tonight - South of the Border Night.

Next Thursday - Lasagna Night.

Family Night dinners are served Thursday evenings at the Family Restaurant from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Prices: (military and civilian) \$4.50 adults, \$2.50 children (5-11 years), children four years and under are free.

ITT's trip to Tijuana

The trip to Tijuana isn't until May 19. However, since this trip books up early sign up as soon as possible.

The Tijuana trip leaves MCLB at 6 a.m. There is great shopping across the border and lots of fun.

The cost is \$15 round trip. Call now and reserve your seat.

ITT is open Mondays-Fridays, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. or call 577-6264.

Aerobic Classes

Two aerobic classes are available:
Gina Galbraith's class - Mondays-Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per month or a \$2 walk-in fee.

Stephanie Jeffery's class - Mondays -Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per month or a \$2 walk-in fee.

Aerobic classes are held in the Aerobics Room at the Base Gym.

For more information call 577-6898.

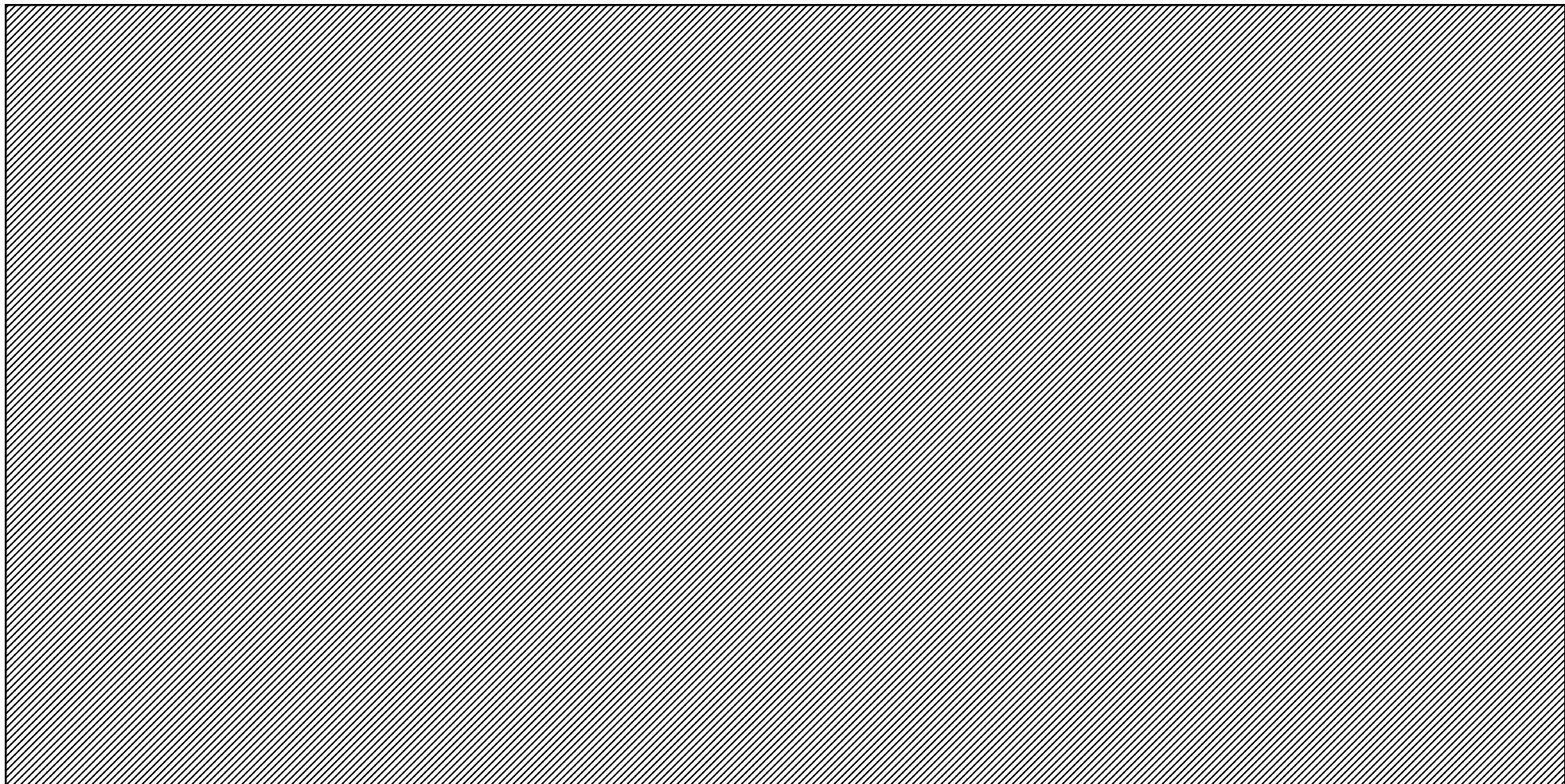
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We will reopen again at 7 a.m. Tuesday. Call 577-6431 for more information.

**Thank you for your patience.
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MCLB BARSTOW**



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Corps has been great for us. What would have taken us five days to transport to these villages has only taken two hours thanks to the work done by your Navy and Marine Corps here."

While Marines and Sailors were ashore carrying out the numerous missions, more than 200 people visited the USS Boxer to include 1996 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Jose Ramos Horta currently serving the National Council, the umbrella organization created to unite the main independence groups in East Timor.

Smiling faces were common for the East Timorese who visited the USS Boxer as well as those watched or worked with the Marines and Sailors at the various sites.

In some cases, Marines and Sailors received small gifts or firm hand shakes from East Timorese expressing gratitude for the opportunities

and accomplishments 11th MEU (SOC) and Boxer ARG brought with them. "The performance of all the Marines and Sailors was superb," said Col Charles S. Patton, commanding officer, 11th MEU (SOC). "Marines and Sailors from 11th MEU (SOC) and the Boxer ARG safely and professionally performed three days of humanitarian assistance operations in the developing country of East Timor."

"Everyone from those who went ashore, to those remaining behind on the amphibious ships, played a vital and important role which has enriched our lives and brought many smiles of thanks to the impoverished people of East Timor," said Patton. "There was so much need, we could not possibly accomplish the many tasks during our brief stop, but without a doubt everyone worked with the gusto and belief that we could."



Photo by Sgt. Eric McLeroy

Lance Cpl. Rene Perdomo of G Company, Battalion Landing Team 2/1, works alongside a local to restore the Dili Youth Center.

TEACHERS from Page 4

Nearly 4,000 former service members have joined the ranks as teachers under the Troops to Teachers Program. Bush said many of them have science, math and engineering degrees, "disciplines and subjects that our children and our schools definitely need."

"Beyond that, you're tremendous role models, with a sense of duty, honor and country that our children need to emulate," she said. "The challenge is different, but the reward is great."

The first lady said her commitment to the Troops to Teachers Program is to make sure no child is left behind.

"This Naval station is a training ground," she said.

"Skills are sharpened and refined here. Men and women become true leaders here, and when you're not deployed, you're teaching and learning from one another. It's this kind of duty that translates into a career in teaching."

Bush saluted retired Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Anthony Reese and others who've made the switch from troop to teacher.

Reese, a fourth-grade teacher at San Diego's Audubon Elementary School, said his 30 years in the military give him credibility in the classroom.

Reese said he's been teaching since he joined the Marine Corps at age 17. "So I was able to deal with people, understand people and care for them, with a firm yet fair hand," he said. "I think we bring that into the classroom, and I think our children really appreciate that."

Troops to Teachers is a "vital and instrumental program in getting quality people into the educational system," he stressed. "It's an opportunity for military retirees and those looking forward to retirement to pursue something that I feel is important – the education of our children – and our children are the future of the world."

ISO from Page 4

tions and inspection and test records.

Companies conforming to these standards are said to be ISO 9000 certified or ISO 9000 qualified under the Registrar Accreditation Board – a not-for-profit organization that is financially self-supported and governed by a 15-member board of directors. Headquartered in Milwaukee, Wis., RAB's members represent both quality and environmental stakeholders and include technical experts, business executives, industry representatives and employees of registrar organizations.

"ISO 9002 is not some unique DoD standard," Kramlich said. "This is the same standard that multinational

corporations like Toyota and General Electric strive for. This is the same standard that companies hoping to do business in the world market strive for. This is the worldwide standard of quality that many companies strive for, but few achieve."

"Maintenance Center Albany's accomplishment of ISO 9002 compliance is a grass-roots effort," Cerney added. "A grass-roots effort because it involves every employee, every day, and will continue to require the involvement of every employee every day from now on.

"Receiving our ISO 9002 certificate reflects every employee's commitment to providing our customers and every Marine around the world the highest quality product and service

every day of the year," Cerney said.

Jackie Inclan, DCMA's ISO lead auditor, added, "It [ISO qualification] is, in fact, a journey that has no end. For it merely represents a milestone that once reached, affords no opportunity to rest. Once the certificate is hung on the wall and the celebrating is over, the real work begins.

"Now is when each and every one of you [MCA employees] must roll up your sleeves and begin the difficult task of working within your quality system, of maintaining it, of continually striving to improve it – now is the time to let the system work for you," finished Inclan.

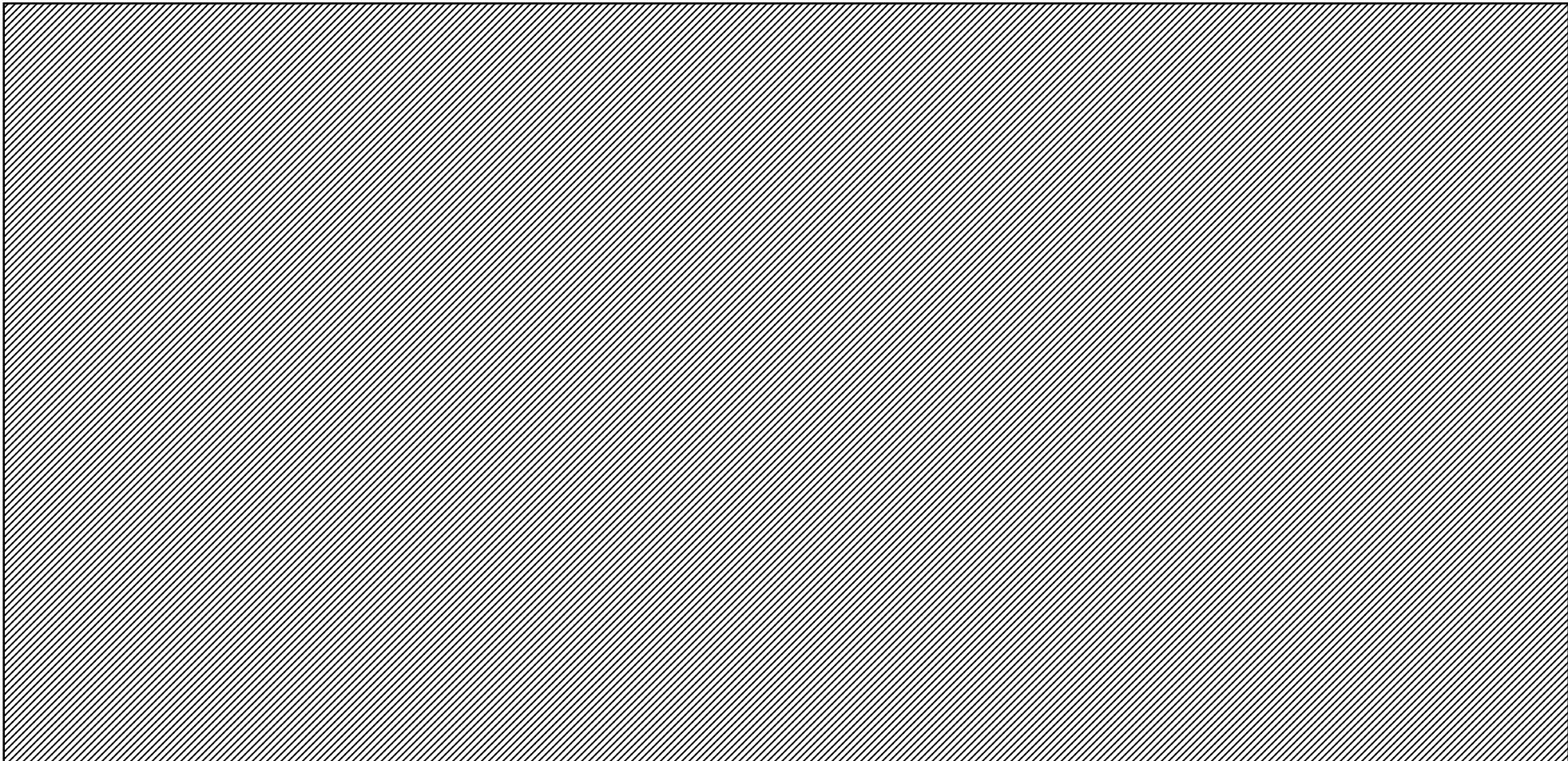
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leave their names so I may respond personally. This forum is not to replace the chain of command, the grievance process or the request mast rights of Marines; it is there to

supplement them. That is achieved by raising issues of common interest and concern and getting the word out to the greatest number of affected personnel. The forum is one of many tools you and I have, but like any good tool,

it is only effective when used for what it is designed. I once again ask you to stay informed and stay involved, use the Commander's Forum when appropriate, and read the forum to stay informed.

The C.O. sends.



STDs highlight Monthly Health Message

Released by HQMC
MARADMIN 176/01

In conjunction with the fiscal year 2001 National Health Information Center, the Headquarters Marine Corps monthly health promotion message's theme for April has been designated Prevention of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, to include Human Immunodeficiency Virus.

The intent is to highlight STD prevention and the role alcohol abuse plays in its prevalence.

An Institute of Medicine report characterized STDs as "... hidden epidemics of tremendous health and economic consequence in the United States ..." The report further stated, "... STDs represent a growing treat to the nation's health ..." Worldwide, an estimated 333 million cases of curable STDs occur annually and account for 87 percent of the top ten infections most frequently reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and cost America an estimated \$17 billion annually.

According to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, there is a strong correlation between STD

infection and substance abuse, especially alcohol abuse because it can drastically alter sexual behavior, leading to the spread of STDs.

Alcohol may affect an individual's cognitive and negotiating skills before and during sex, lowering the probability that protection against STDs and pregnancy is being used.

Military personnel are at increased risk of

New diseases are emerging and treatable ones are becoming more resistant to treatment. In Hawaii, where one-third of all reported cases of gonorrhea come from the active duty population, Army health officials recently reported several cases of STDs not responding to treatment.

exposure to the diseases. Generally the risk is two to five times higher than within the civilian population. The young, unattached male is more susceptible because of available time, motivation and influence from peers to indulge in high-risk behavior. Consuming alcohol to cope with stress increases the likelihood of risky behavior.

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While most STDs are treatable, HIV is a life-threatening disease that directly, negatively affects a unit's readiness. An HIV-positive service member is not a deployable service member.

Prevention is the single most effective tool in preventing the spread of STDs, according to the Center for Disease Control.

Abstinence is the best form of prevention. Monogamous relationships and condom use are also primary ways to avoid STDs. Avoid mixing alcohol or other drugs with sexual activities.

Recycling doesn't work without

YOUR HELP



Return recycling bins to where they were delivered by 7 a.m. Tuesday

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

MC Ball Best Ball golf tourney

There is a Best Ball golf tourney at the Tees & Trees Golf Course Friday morning in support of the Marine Corps Ball. Sign-in is from 6-6:30 a.m. for teams of four. Mulligans are \$1 with a limit of five. Entry fees are as follows: E-1 to E-4 is \$15; E-5 and E-6 is \$16; E-7 to O-2 is \$17; and O-3 + and civilians is \$20. There is food and refreshments after the tourney. Come and support the Marine Corps Ball.

Puckhawgs need players

The MCLB Puckhawgs roller hockey team is looking for players to fill its roster in order to enter in an adult league at the Power Play Center in Hesperia later this spring. The Puckhawgs invite any interested players, military or civilian, to contact Coach Jay Hunsaker, 577-7211.

Barstow Elks golf tourney

The Barstow Elks Golf Tournament is May 12 at the MCLB Tees and Trees Golf Course. It will be a best ball scramble tournament with teams of five people. The entry fee is \$40 and includes lunch at the lodge. Extra lunches are \$6. There will be a 50/50 drawing and door prizes. For more information, call Fred Gonzales, 254-2304, or Ron Baker, 255-3285.

Ft. Irwin to Veteran's Home Relay

The annual Ft. Irwin to Vereran's Home 40-mile relay race is May 12. MCLB Marines plan to return the trophy to the command display case this year after losing it two years ago.

Staff Sgt. Robert W. Cole is the team captain for the Scarlet running team this year, and 1st Lt. Bryan R. McClune is the team captain for the Gold team. For more information call Staff Sgt. Robert W. Cole, 577-6916.

Barstow to Calico 30K

The Barstow Park and Recreation District announces the return of the "Barstow to Calico 30K" May 13. The run begins at the recently refurbished Harvey House and ends in historic Calico Ghost Town.

Vernon Morris, race coordinator, says the race is being put together with the runners in mind. As a former elite mountain distance runner, Morris feels he has insight into what runners want, and as coordinator he can help fulfill those needs.

Race planners expect to have eight fully stocked aid stations along the route. Runners, participants and supporters are all needed for the event. For more information or to volunteer to help with the event call Vernon Morris or Mel Otero, 256-5661.

Tucson softball tournament

The 13th annual Weekend Bash softball tournament will be held June 23-24 in Tucson, Ariz. The champions walk off with their choice of new gloves or bats. The top four teams receive awards. For more information, call Greg Manning, (520) 228-5478.

All-Marine Women's Sports

The Director, Semper Fit athletic program, is seeking resumes for two All-Marine Women's team sports.

Resumes for All-Marine Women's Softball and Soccer are due 60 days prior to the start of the All-Marine Trial camps. Resumes must also contain a command endorsement. Send resumes to the local MCCS Semper Fit athletic director. Refer to Marine Corps Order P1700.29 for specific details. The order is online at <http://www.usmc-mccs.org> under Policy.

All-Marine Women's Trial Camp dates and sites are:

Sport	Location	Dates
Softball	MCB Camp Lejeune, N.C.	July 29-August 18
Soccer	MCAS New River, N.C.	Aug 19-September 8

For more information call GySgt. David S. Wersinger or SSgt. Dennis W. Owen, 577-6899.

Padres win Military Appreciation game

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

BARSTOW LOG staff

SAN DIEGO - The San Diego Padres trounced the San Francisco Giants 8-3 in Major League Baseball action on Military Opening Day at Qualcomm Stadium.

Mike Darr went 3-for-4 on the day with two runs and one RBI for the Padres. His batting average is now .452.

The Padres donned a camouflage jersey for the special event. It might have been just what they needed. They recorded their first home win of this season.

San Francisco lit up the scoreboard first in the top of the fourth inning when Barry Bonds smashed a line drive into the left-center field bleachers. It was his second home run of the season and the 496th of his career.

Adam Eaton, the starting pitcher for the Padres got himself out of the big inning by striking out J.T. Snow of the Giants and catcher Ben Davis throwing out Jeff Kent trying to steal second base for a strike 'em out, throw 'em out combo.

San Diego responded in the bottom half of the inning when they tallied three runs of their own. Livan Hernandez, the starting pitcher for the Giants, loaded the bases and then walked in Phil Nevin of the Padres to tie the score. Then with the bases still loaded, Chris Gomez hit a fly ball to right field. Ryan Klesko tagged up from third base and just barely beat the throw home to score.

With the pitcher up and Darr on third, the Padres had Eaton pull a suicide squeeze. Darr took off for home on the pitch and Eaton laid down a perfect bunt down the first base line that stayed on the chalk. Snow picked it up, but everybody was safe. The Padres took a 3-1 lead out of the fourth inning.

The Giants tied the score in the top of the sixth inning. Their two runs included a solo shot from Jeff Kent that parked itself in the left field stands. It was Kent's fourth home run on the season and his tenth RBI.

The Padres answered right back once again by putting a two-spot on the board in the bottom of the sixth. They used another sacrifice fly and an RBI single by Damian Jackson, the Padres second baseman.

The Padres added three more in the bottom of the seventh inning including an RBI double by Tony Gwynn. The double was Gwynn's 535th of his career, tying him with Lou Gehrig at 22nd place on the all-time list.

The Giants wouldn't score again. San Diego dominated with its young pitching. Eaton left after six strong innings and made way for Tom Davey, who struck out the first three batters he faced.

He sat down without giving up a hit and let Kevin Walker strike out a batter in his short appearance.

Rodney Myers pitched the ninth inning to close out the game for an 8-3 Padres victory.

"This is a fun day," said Klesko. "Everyone goes out and has a fun time."

"Those guys are out there risking their lives and they're protecting our country and we just want to show a little bit back

to them," added Klesko.

"We wore a special uniform for the military and we donated them to the military," said Myers. "It's a really good feeling."



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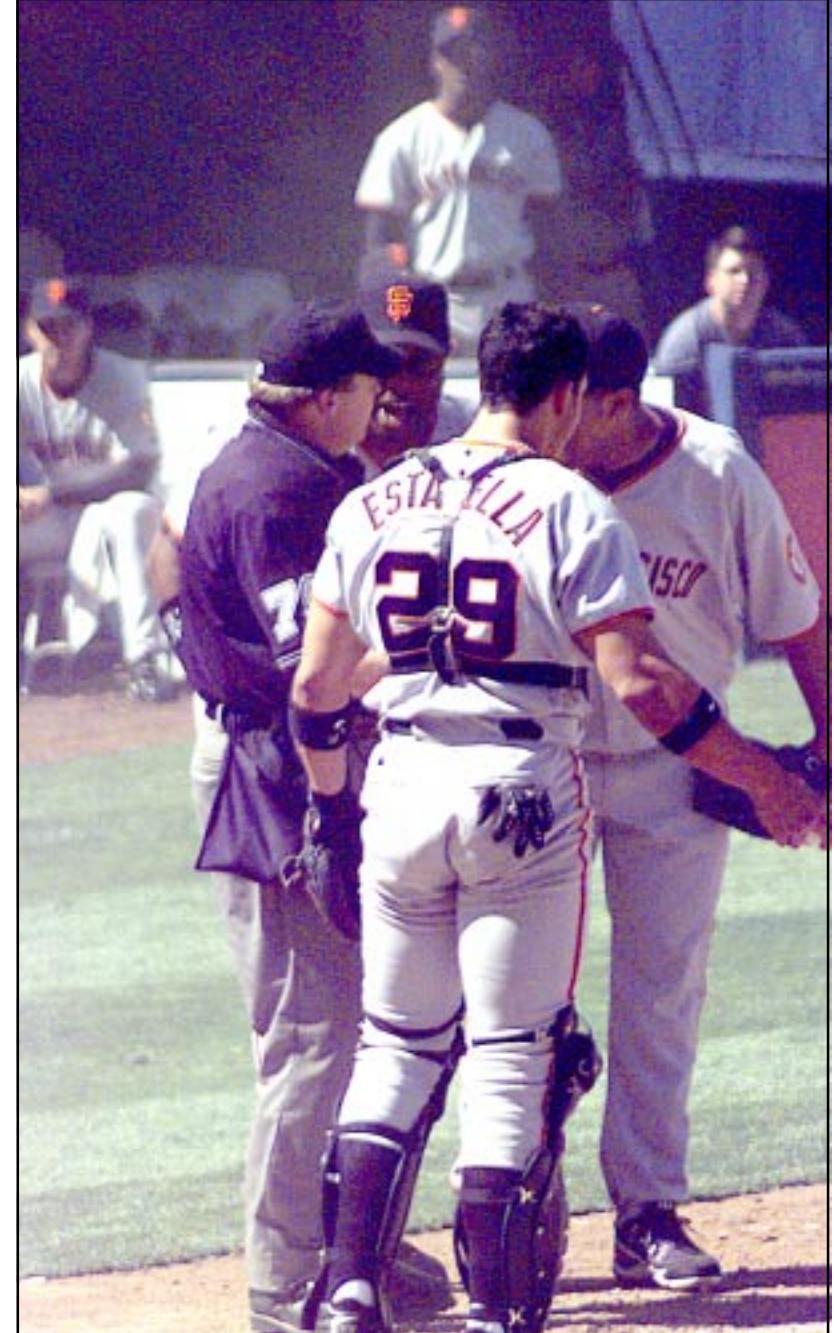
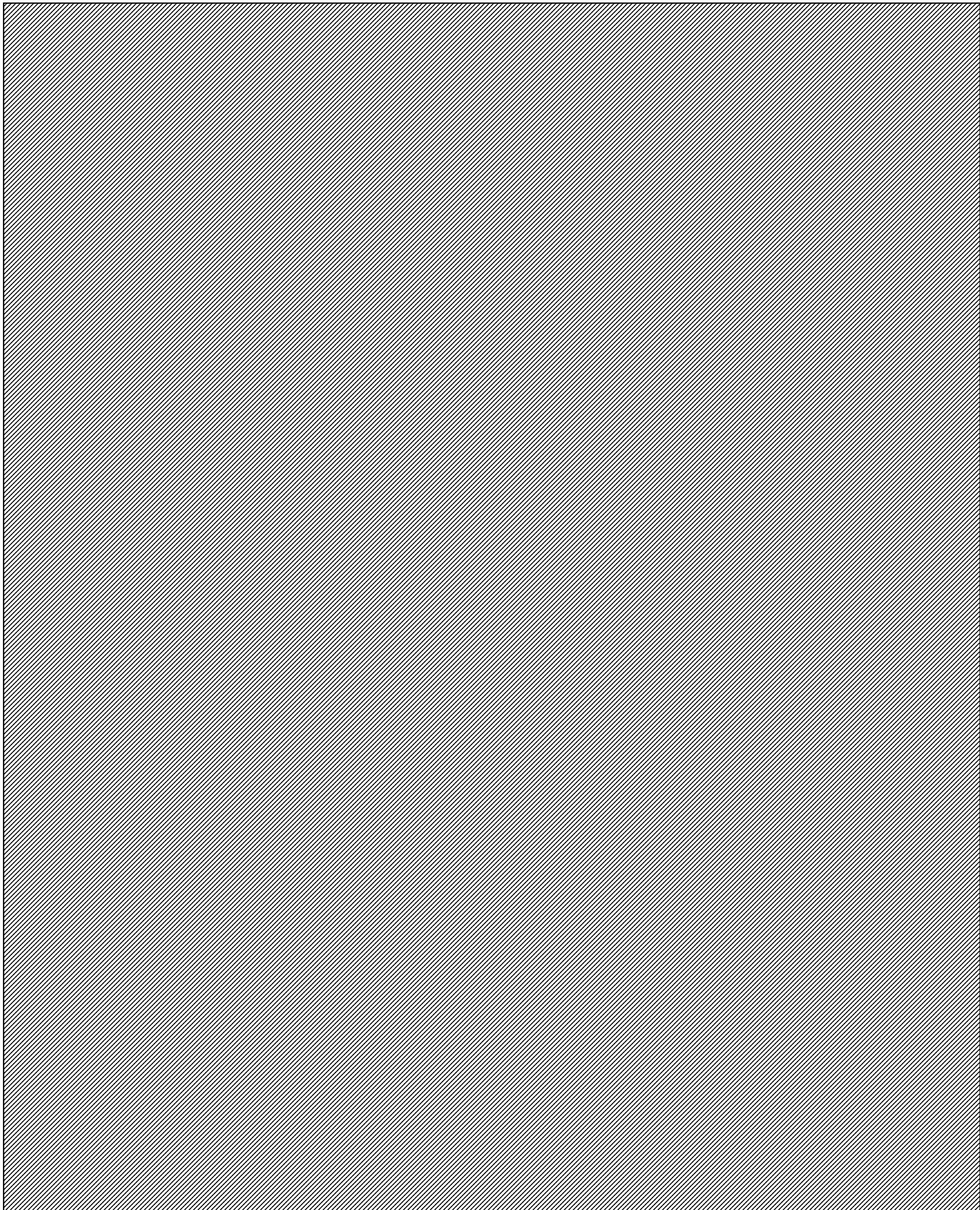


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Giants manager Dusty Baker and catcher Bobby Estalella argue a call with home plate umpire Fieldin Culbreth.



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1996 PLYMOUTH GRAND VOYAGER: Lots of extras, must see to appreciate this great family car, \$12,500. For more information call 252-1908.

1986 CAMARO: V6, 5-spd, AM/FM/CD, new windshield, great idea for graduation gift, \$1,800 OBO. Call 256-2621 or 253-2133 AWH.

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1995 FORD CONTOUR: Newly painted Eclipse Black, perfect running condition, 5 spd, good interior, AM/FM/cassette with 12-disc CD changer and remote, \$4,000. Call 252-8325 anytime or lv msg.

1997 TOYOTA PREVIA S/C: Clean inside and out, \$14,000 OBO. May consider payments. Call 255-3045.

1982 FORD JAMBOREE CLASS C: 24ft., fully self-contained motor home, sleeps 6, (7) new 16" tires and rims, 40K original miles, \$8,000 OBO. Call 257-4067.

TRAILERS: 1978 Nomad travel trailer, 5th wheel, 161/2-ft lone, single axle, comes with hitch, \$1,500. Call 253-4102 after 5 p.m., ask for George.

1978 TOYOTA CHINOOK: Camper runs good, \$1,000 OBO; also Toyota ski rack, \$50. Call 252-3510.

MOTORCYCLE: 1986 Honda Rebel, 250 cc, new paint, tires, brakes and exhaust system, beautiful Harley Sportster look-alike, great learner's bike. \$1,500 firm. Call 241-8967 after 5:30 p.m.

AUTO PARTS: Headlight set for Mercedes Benz SL models 350, 450, 560. Cost \$1,100 new; sell \$250. Call 255-3045.

SERVICES: Attn. ladies, aesthetic body waxing and henna tattoos available right here on MCLB. Great rates, call for your appointment, 252-8666.

MISCELLANEOUS: Camper shell for full-size truck, lots of windows, \$200; half camper shell (sleeper) for full-size truck, window in rear, \$200. Call 241-8967 after 5:30 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS: Snow chains, 2 sets, never used, one set fits most 14" tires, the other fits most 15" tires, \$10 each. Call 252-2195 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: Hoover vacuum cleaner, quiet, (no accessories) \$20; Bose subwoofer, \$150; table/floor lamp, lights on top and bottom with shade, 3-way switch, \$20; Metz 45CT1 flash, dual flash, like new, \$175; Kenmore electric lawnmower, \$25; water cooler, \$75. Call 255-3045.

MISCELLANEOUS: Used 52" ceiling fan, \$10; child's tricycle, \$12; Stanley sliding doors, Model Basic 100, 93" high, \$30 each or 2 for \$60; 3 webbed lawn chairs, \$4 each; baby bath, \$3. Call 256-8803.

MISCELLANEOUS: Girl's Li'l Tikes cottage-style twin-size bed and mattress, xlt cond., bed head has cottage-style roof, and a window to store dolls, etc. must see, \$150; Alpine stepper, very good condition, make offer. Call 253-2677 after 5 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS: Barrel racer, healthy, loving 10 year old, qtr/appy. Intern. To adv. \$2,200 (includes some tack) 952-1934 (Silverlakes).

MISCELLANEOUS: Fish bowl with fish, plants, gravel, all for \$15; large plecostomus fish 8", \$10. Call 255-3045.

MISCELLANEOUS: Water bed, king size w/mirrors, lights, upper and lower storage, mattress, heater, 2 sets of sheets, ready to go, \$400 firm. Call 254-1978.

MISCELLANEOUS: 21 cu ft. refrigerator in immaculate condition, separate door on top for freezer, \$150. Call 252-3510.

MISCELLANEOUS: Utility bed with 3 cabinets on each side, which can be locked, fits 3/4-ton or larger truck, xlt. cond. Asking \$500. Call 254-2331 lv msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: Full size Kenmore microwave oven, xlt cond., \$50. Call 252-3309 lv msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: Hot tub, \$1,300. Call 253-7366.

MISCELLANEOUS: Bassett sleeper-sofa/loveseat set, innerspring mattress, southwest colors, \$250 set; queen mattress set w/ black metal canopy frame, like new, \$200 for all; black wood folding end leafs oval table, sturdy, \$100. Call 252-4072.

MISCELLANEOUS: Table/floor lamp, lights at base and top with 3-way switch, shade, \$20; large floor/table lamp, w/2x sets of lights, 3-way switch, w/shade, \$20; dark walnut baby grand piano, may be Steinway, \$1,500; 6-drawer dresser, wood, \$50; Sears electric lawn mower, \$25. Call 255-3045.

PETS: Patagonian Conure, hand raised/tame, talks and sings, 23 months old, 17-19" long, good w/ children, sweet disposition/lovable, good companion bird, \$500 firm. Accessories available are extra. Call 253-5927.

WANTED: DJ turntables, mixer, ALICE pack, load-bearing vest, K-bar, camelback w/cammie cover for reasonable price. Call 252-9146 or page (864) 266-0536.

